

CITY OF BELLEVUE  
CITY COUNCIL

Summary Minutes of Special Meeting  
**Regional Transportation Governance**

March 27, 2001  
7:30 a.m.

City Hall Conference Room 3 A/B  
Bellevue, Washington

PRESENT: Mayor Mosher, Deputy Mayor Marshall, Councilmembers Creighton, Davidson, Degginger, Lee, and Noble

ABSENT: None.

1. Work Session

Mayor Mosher called the meeting to order at 7:40 a.m. Assistant City Manager Karen Reed noted the packet materials and introduced the themes for discussion.

Diane Carlson, Regional Issues Manager, reviewed Attachment A, "Comparison of Regional Transportation Legislation/Proposals." Mike Doubleday, lobbyist for Bellevue, said all proposals call for voter approval of funding. He said Senate Bill 6140, sponsored by Senators Horn and McDonald, is currently attracting the most interest. However, none of the proposals are experiencing widespread support at this time.

Ms. Reed directed Council's attention to Attachment B, "King County Regional Transportation Task Force Advisory Findings" and noted that the King County Transportation Coalition is not in favor of adding new government entities. The Coalition prefers an approach in which a decision-making body participates in prioritizing projects and allocating funds, but construction would be conducted by existing agencies or jurisdictions.

Council discussed Attachment C, "Summary of November 21 Council Discussion on Regional Governance" and Attachment D, "Proposed City of Bellevue Principles for Regional Transportation Structures." Mrs. Marshall suggested using existing forums, such as the Eastside Transportation Partnership, to review and prioritize projects. She would be comfortable with an approach in which the decision-making body is comprised of representatives from each legislative district, as long as the representatives are elected to those positions. Mr. Lee prefers a structure in which Bellevue would have a more direct role on the board. Mr. Noble agreed with Mrs. Marshall's position. After additional brief discussion, Mayor Mosher noted consensus for a legislative district approach to governance.

Referring to item 4 of Attachment D, Dr. Davidson suggested replacing "significant role" with "meaningful input" in reference to cities and counties. Mr. Degginger feels statement 12 represents the foundational principle for project selection, and Mr. Creighton concurred. Mrs.

Marshall suggested revising the statement to say “existing capacity deficiencies.” Mr. Noble suggested changing “regional facilities” to “state and federal facilities.”

Ms. Reed reviewed Attachment E consisting of two tables, “Regional Taxing Sources – Revenue Estimates” and “Unutilized Transit Revenue Sources and Potential Revenue Estimates.”

At 8:57 a.m., Dr. Davidson left the meeting.

Council continued its discussion of potential revenue sources. Ms. Reed noted that the Horn/McDonald proposal assumes one transportation mode. She emphasized that a regional governance approach including a broader, four-county area is being promoted by some as necessary to attract federal funding.

At 9:13 a.m., Mayor Mosher left the meeting.

Council briefly discussed the concept of equity in terms of a regional funding approach and whether equity would be based on population, dollars contributed, and/or other factors.

At 9:15 a.m., the meeting was adjourned.

Myrna L. Basich  
City Clerk

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